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Regents to meet Friday, discuss UNO student fees

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The University of Nebraska Board of Regents will meet Friday to discuss an agenda including more than \$1 million in UNO student fee increases. Student room and board rates, as well as a contract for parking at Crossroads Mall, are also on the agenda.

University officials are asking that the Fund B University Program and Facilities Fee be increased 22.6 percent, mostly to pay for the Health, Physical Education and Recreation Building renovation project and increased costs for parking. Without those costs, the proposed increase would only have been 4.1 percent.

The proposal would raise the flat fee portion of the UPFF from \$47 to \$70.60 per semester. The per-credit-hour rate would go from \$13.20 to \$15.10.

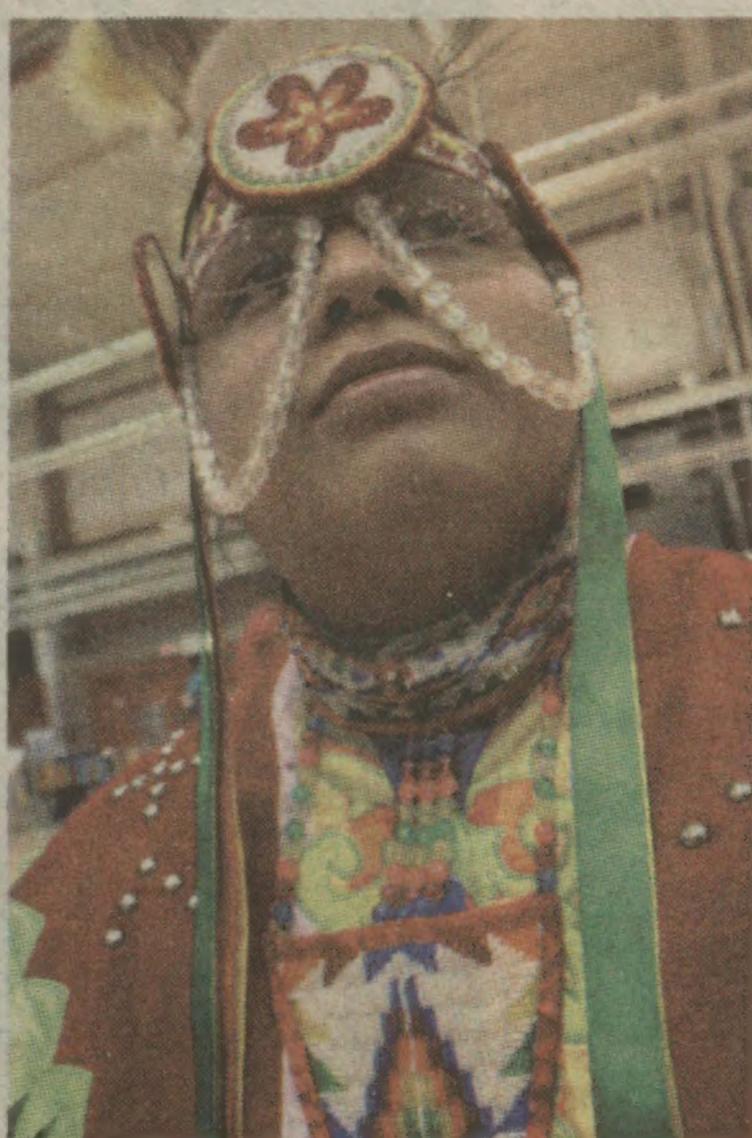
Overall, a student carrying 15 credit hours would be paying \$52.10 more next fall for a total of \$297.10 if the proposal passes.

UNL is requesting to increase its Fund B fees by 4.01 percent to \$402.70 per semester. UNK is requesting a 13.9 percent increase to \$279 per semester.

A total of \$666,979 in student fee funds is being requested to pay for the HPER renovation.

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Pow wow: 'Honor the Youth' Celebration of culture, identity at Sapp Fieldhouse



Left: Milton Miller Jr. of the Omaha tribe listens to the sounds filling the Sapp Fieldhouse during the powwow on Saturday. Right: Mike Scheiblhofer (left) of the Omaha tribe talks with Howard Mincey, an Omaha Sasnee Sioux, at the powwow.



photo by Bill Wendt

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Colorful traditional Native American dress, beating drums and thunderous voices filled the Sapp Fieldhouse on Saturday where students and community members participated in UNO's tenth annual powwow.

More than 200 people joined in the celebration which had a theme of "Honor the Youth."

Tom Render, Inter-Tribal Student Council president, said the same theme is used each year to allow youth to experience traditional native culture and gain pride for their people.

"A lot of native children these days are lost. They don't know their roots and they don't know who their people are. So, we like to do these powwows

as a way to kind of bring them back to their circle. ... So, we are trying to bring them back together and instill in them a pride of who they are," Render said.

Render said UNO's powwow was distinctive because a majority of it was coordinated and put on by children.

"We try to do this theme to honor our kids. All of the head staff, like the head man and the head woman dancer, our emcee, they are all kids. They are at least in high school through grade school," Render said.

The powwow was sponsored by the Inter-Tribal Student Council and Native American Studies as well as the Nebraska Arts Council.

The event consisted of traditional Native American

dance, drum groups and singing. Different authentic Native American goods were also on display and for sale, such as hand-made jewelry and quilts.

"We have Indians participating from all different parts of this country and even different parts of other countries as well. Non-Indian people come too, and I think it's a great thing that they come because everybody needs to learn that we are still here," Render said. "The Indian people get overlooked too often."

The powwow began with a grand entry of dancing tribal members, singing in traditional garb. They then showcased different traditional dances and drum performance. Dancers

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Student charged with possession, not in custody

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On April 8, a UNO student was booked into the Douglas County Department of Corrections after being stopped at UNO by Campus Security.

On Sunday, officials at the department of corrections confirmed that Jeffery Malashock, 18, had been released.

He was reported to Omaha police after being observed driving erratically in parking lots on UNO's Dodge Street campus, "near the parking garage," according to a police incident report.

According to the same report,

Campus Security Officer Mark Belson had stopped the 2002 Jeep Grand Cherokee. He reported smelling the odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle. He also observed the suspect throwing a joint from the window of the vehicle.

The police reported that security officers were given a grinder with marijuana in it by the suspect.

After a vehicle search, police found a shoebox with various jars in the trunk, all containing marijuana. Police also found a black suitcase with canning jars containing marijuana, a digital scale, magnifying glass and a large

bag of psilocybin mushrooms.

Malashock was booked at the department of corrections for felony possession of a controlled substance, misdemeanor possession of drug equipment, felony possession of marijuana less than a pound but more than an ounce as well as intent to distribute.

According to Nebraska's Uniform Controlled Substances Act, intent to deliver an exceptionally-hazardous Schedule I controlled substance, including marijuana, is a Class III felony. Class III felonies carry a maximum sentence of 20 years imprisonment, a \$2,500 fine or both; the minimum sentence is one-year imprisonment.

Possession of psilocybin mushrooms, since they contain the Schedule I drug psilocybin, is a Class IV felony under Nebraska Law. Class IV felonies carry a maximum sentence of five years, a \$10,000 fine or both; there is no minimum sentence.

According to UNL's Drug Free Campus Policy, possession of drug paraphernalia is punishable by a fine of not more than \$100 for the first offense, between \$100 to \$300 for the second offense and between \$200 and \$500 for subsequent offenses.

Editor-in-Chief Scott Stewart contributed to this report.

Senate: No to smoking ban

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UNO smokers do not have to worry about their favorite smoking place being taken away from them after the Student Senate snuffed out a resolution that would have proposed further restrictions on campus.

The resolution, sponsored by Sen. Holly Byers, designated smoking areas on campus in order to cut down on maintenance costs and improve the health of the campus community. The resolution was sent back for revisions at March 27's meeting.

On April 10, the resolution was voted down by senators concerned about a lack of student input.

Byers said it is still up in the air whether a similar resolution will return to the senate. There will be one more senate meeting until summer recess, after which senators will return to business in the fall.

"There seems to be a lot of people who voted 'no' for it," Byers said. "I'll think about that over the weekend and see if I want to try to get it into committee again, but now may not be the best time."

Senate Vice President Buey Ruet was one of many against the compromise, citing concerns with offending smokers' rights.

"Smoking has not been that big of an issue," Ruet said during the meeting. "For us to agitate something that's not an issue, it's just going to erode our authority. It's just going to erode our influence among students. These students are complying with these measures because they believe they need to do that in order to facilitate others, but if we keep agitating them, we don't know where they'll go with it or what it will do to our influence."

Also, senators failed to override the executive veto against purchasing hand sanitizers with student government's logo.

Student President/Regent Lucas Seiler said the other items used as giveaways would be sufficient and that the cost of the sanitizers was too high.

"I thought that it was a little excessive to be giving out hand sanitizer bottles for over \$1 an

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Richard Carter and Jim Esch participate in a debate as they run for Lee Terry's House seat.

Torch changes route



The Olympic flame changed its route in San Francisco to avoid protests like those in London and Paris.

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Shooting with M.J.



Baseball coach Bob Herold has lead an interesting life, including playing hoops with legend Michael Jordan.

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Football scrimmage



The Mavs held their annual spring scrimmage this weekend, giving a glimpse of this fall's lineup.

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Tribute bands rock



Matt's Rocket Collection and Song Remains the Same may not be AC/DC or Zeppelin, but they're close.

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Torch route change brings confusion, criticism

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SAN FRANCISCO (MCT) – It might be forever known as the torch relay that wasn't.

At least that was the case for the thousands of spectators and protesters who lost out in San Francisco's hide-and-seek game played all Wednesday afternoon with one of the world's biggest icons.

But the liberal bastion of San Francisco may find it hard to live down.

As the Olympic torch bounced all over the city, leaving a wake of thwarted protesters, bewildered cops and thousands of sightseers denied a peek at the prize, a debate was already brewing over San Francisco's - take your choice - deft handling or embarrassing bungling of international protocol on the road to the most bitterly contested Olympic Games in recent history.

Almost immediately, a bigger game of second-guessing began.

"I'm disappointed there are a lot of good people who were disappointed today," Mayor Gavin Newsom said, adding that his top concern was security. "People were safe today."

San Francisco Police Chief Heather Fong said police made three arrests, one in McCovey Cove and two near the end of the relay. All were cited and released.

"It was the right decision to not put people in harm's way," she said.

Fong, Newsom and Peter Ueberroth, who heads the United States Olympic Committee, made the decision to change the route at about 1 p.m.

City officials and the police seemed pleased with their city-wide fakeout that took the torch miles from its intended route, whisking it onto an Air China flight to Buenos Aires and leaving most everyone else in the dust. Many of the 79 runners, too, said they were proud to have been part of the historic, if discombobulated relay, cut in half from its planned six-mile route.

"Actually, it was a relief," said torchbearer Molly Last of San Francisco when she and the other relay participants learned of the new route. The torchbearers even stood in the bus and cheered at the news, she said.

San Francisco police and politicians defended their dodge game, which included running the torch into a warehouse, then somehow having it miraculously reappear miles away on Van Ness Avenue.

But there were plenty of people who said Mayor Gavin Newsom and Olympic organizers blew it.

"I'm very disappointed," said Simon He, who waited for six hours and didn't get a glimpse of the torch. "I think the mayor is a coward. Why did he have to change [the route]?"

"When they remember the torch of 2008 in San Francisco, they will think about the number of protesters and the fact the torch was snuck through the city on secret routes," said

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ounce," Seiler said during the meeting.

A statement was also approved to change the name of Student Programming Organization to Maverick Productions beginning in late May. SPO is responsible for bringing music and entertainment acts to UNO

Supervisor Chris Daly, a regular vocal critic of Newsom.

Facing crowds of spectators and restless protesters massed along the Embarcadero, officials decided to avoid the Embarcadero entirely and drove the Olympic torch about a mile inland. They did it away from protesters and media after a morning of sometimes tense standoffs between groups supporting the Beijing Games and its critics.

"We don't have control of the street," one San Francisco Police Department officer radioed in, as crowds swarmed the Embarcadero near the Ferry Building just after the 1 p.m. start of the opening ceremony.

Newsom did not even tell the torchbearers about the change until 10 minutes before that very brief ceremony.

Dean Karnazes, a San Francisco marathoner that ran with the torch for a short stretch along the Marina Green, called the experience "incredible, surreal." He felt badly for those who had waited hours in vain to see the torch but thought the day was a victory on some fronts.

"We got the job done, it was a success even if there were some dicey moments."

Despite several tense moments with police and a morning episode in which protesters banged on an empty bus, San Francisco reported early Wednesday evening that there were only three arrests. They were cited and released, police said on their Web site.

In response, many walked, cycled and took cabs across town to meet up with the relay. Runners were guarded by a phalanx of baton-wielding San Francisco police officers.

But, at one point along the new route, Karnazes said protesters got too close, making some of the torchbearers queasy. He called the protesters' actions "disgusting."

Still, several people along that route were thrilled to have an unexpected front-row seat for the relay as it moved slowly northbound on Van Ness Avenue. "It's lovely if you live a block and a half away," said Nan Gallagher, who left her condo when she heard on KCBS that the torch route had been changed.

John McCormack said he was watching seven news channels following the torch when he learned that he could see it live.

"I didn't think I was going to see the torch today. I love it," he said.

At Greenwich Street, however, officers threatened to arrest John Williams who stood near the corner of Van Ness and Greenwich with a large squirt gun in his hand.

"China, I don't think, deserves the Olympics," he said. "So, I was going to shoot out the flames."

He complied when an officer asked him to move along.

There were some celebratory moments. Before the relay began, women in bright Chinese costumes performed, a dozen dragons danced, a naked man flashed the crowd and a band, led by a singer in a white wig, pale blue suit and pink socks, warmed up the crowd with renditions of "Disco Inferno" and "Get Down Tonight." When the group left the stage, the crowd expected the torch to come any minute.

students.

The final meeting of the spring semester will be in the Milo Bail Student Center's Dodge Room April 24 at 7 p.m.

Editor-in-Chief Scott Stewart contributed to this report.

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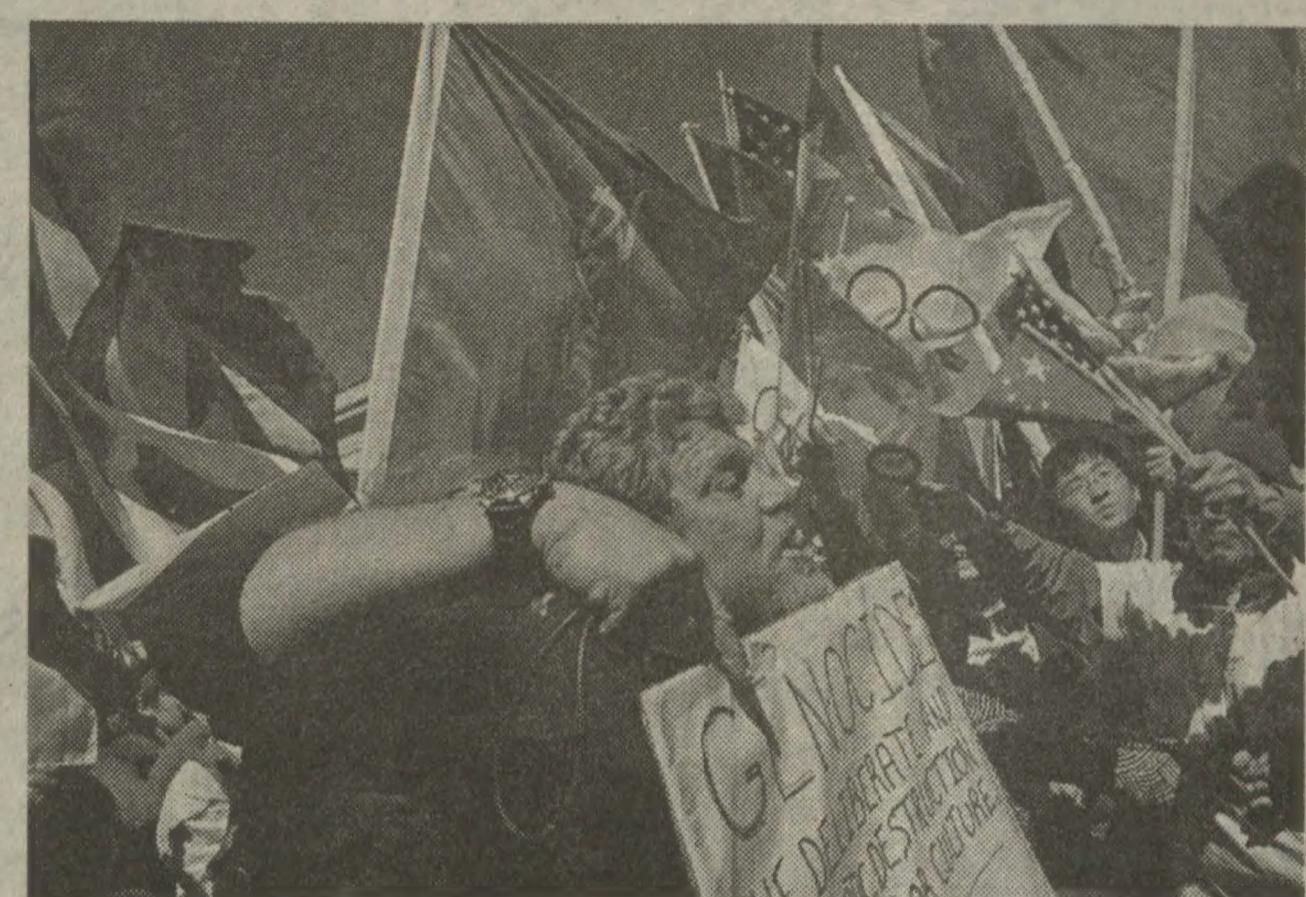


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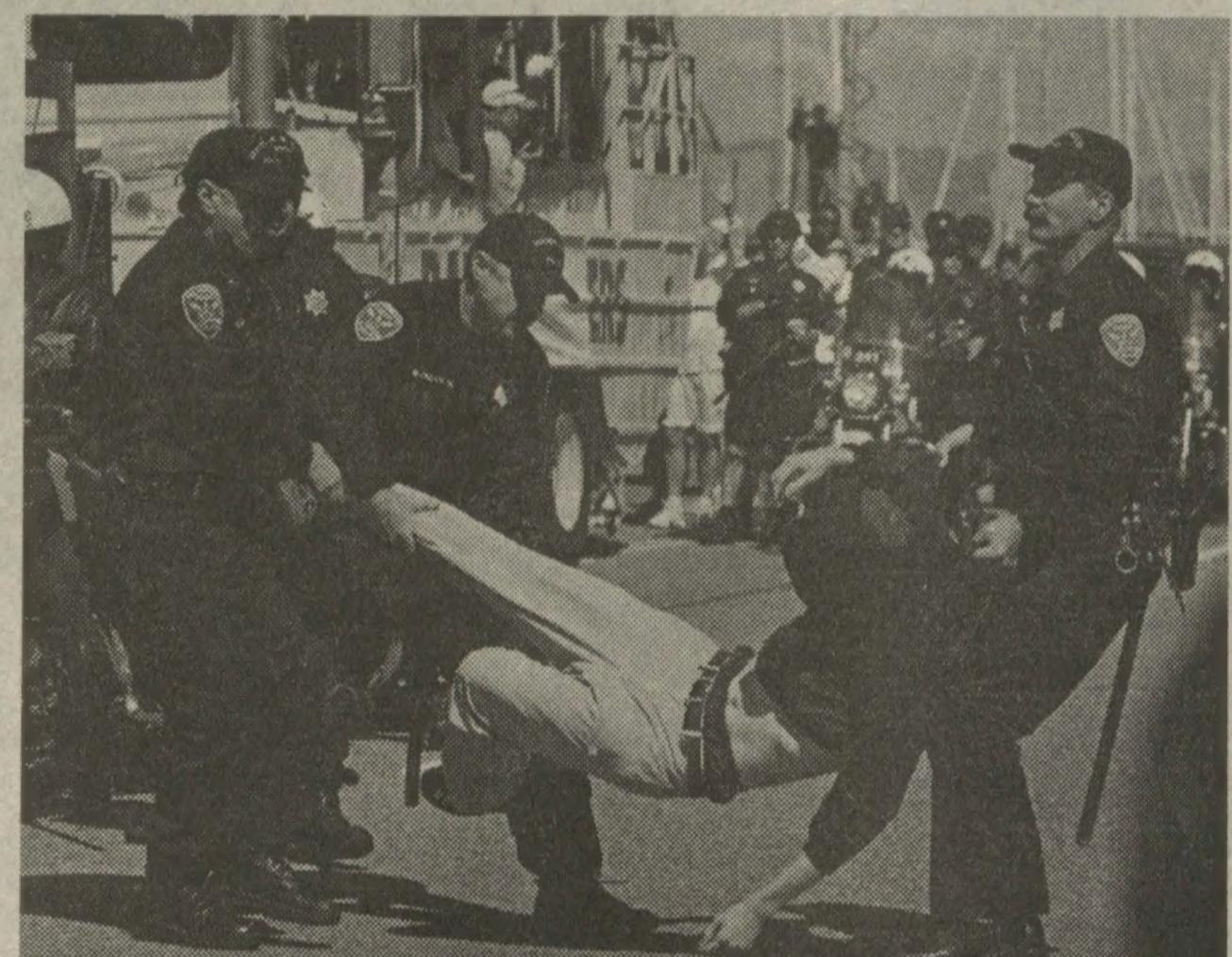


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Instead, the band returned.

"We're back," the singer said.

The crowd booed, getting the first inkling the torch may not make it.

"This was supposed to be about sports, not politics," said Sumiyati Monoarfa, a 57-year-old San Francisco native. "This would have been one of the biggest highlights of my life to see this torch in my hometown. It's been stripped from me because someone wants to protest. They took away my rights and my freedom, and I don't appreciate it."

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Borrowing can cause future hardship

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As the semester comes to an end, students not only have to rush to finish last-minute papers and cram for finals but also have to decide which classes they need for the following academic year and how they are going to finance them.

Although many students receive benefits from free financial aid such as Pell Grants and scholarships, more often than not, students will have to receive help from either their parents or student loans to help pay for college.

Randy Sell, Director of Financial Aid and Scholarships, said about half of the student body leaves UNO with student loan debt.

"Around 40 percent of the students take out a student loan on any given year," Sell said.

UNO offers a variety of loans to students to help finance their education. Federal Perkins loans, where the lender is the school, has a fixed interest rate of 5 percent. Students must show financial need to be awarded the loan.

Students who do not qualify for a Perkins loan may still be able to receive a Stafford loan. Stafford loans come in two forms: subsidized, which the federal government pays the interest accrued during the time the student attends school, or unsubsidized, which the 6.8 percent interest begins accumulating immediately. While subsidized Stafford loans are based on financial need, unsubsidized Stafford loans are available to almost any student who applies.

Sell said that, since unsubsidized Stafford loans are available without a credit check, not only is it easy for a student to receive aid for school, but it is also easy to borrow more than the student actually needs.

"I have had students who have graduated that cannot

go into their field of study because of their student loan debt," Sell said. "Students often overestimate the amount of money that they will make when they graduate and get their first job."

Adam Freese, a senior business major, understands that he might have to take a job that isn't necessarily what he wants to do, to pay off the \$12,000 in subsidized loans he borrowed.

"I think for the next couple years that might be one of the options," Freese said. "I don't mind putting in the time to pay off what I have already accomplished."

Although Freese has a part-time job at Old Chicago as a server, his wages are not enough to cover the cost of going to school.

"Right now, I can't really pay for college right out of my pocket," Freese said. "I have grants, but they didn't cover all of the college costs. Now that I'm close to graduating, I'm going to have to start paying them back right after I get out."

David Golbitz, a journalism major, estimates he has around \$20,000 in student loans. With an expected graduation date in the summer, he isn't overly concerned with paying back the loans.

"I used to worry about it, but anymore at this stage in my life, it will happen when it happens," Golbitz said. "I'm not too worried. They can wait. When I have money, they'll get some. What else can I do? I have to get a job and set myself up professionally, and when there's money for the loans, they'll get the money for the loans."

The idea of having to take a job outside his field of study to pay off his debt doesn't interest Golbitz.

"The idea of a better job doesn't occur to me. I mean what's a better job? I'm going to get a crummy job right out

of school regardless of what I do. Like I said, the loans can wait; if they want to send me letters and threaten me, then fine," Golbitz said.

Letters and threats are not the only ways the federal government attempts to collect on delinquent student loans.

"Federal student loans are protected from bankruptcy," Sell said. "If you have a good payment history, then you'll build credit. But, if a student falls behind in payments, the collection department from loan services, such as Nelnet, will start contacting students. Since the loans are guaranteed, eventually if the loan services are unable to recoup the debt, they'll turn the loans over to the federal government. When this happens, the government can add more fees, get a judgment to garnish wages and capture federal tax returns."

Overall, the amount of people that default on student loans has decreased dramatically from a decade ago, from around 15 percent to 20 percent down to 4 percent or 5 percent, Sell said.

This may be because students can consolidate their loans and extend the loan repayment period. Generally, student loans must be repaid within 10 years, but through consolidation the loan repayment period can be extended up to 25 years depending on the amount of money borrowed.

Students borrow for various reasons and student loans are a good option for those who can't afford to pay for school themselves, said Sell. However, students should understand that every penny borrowed would eventually have to be repaid.

"Some students live like professionals while in college," Sell said. "But, the more you borrow, the better the chances are that when you are a professional you'll wind up living like a student."

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bond. Financing for the project will require an overall increase in student fees of \$95 per semester with increases staggered over three years.

Next year, students can expect an additional \$45 per semester increase and in 2010-11, a \$30 per semester increase is also planned.

The other big cost driving up student fees – the intercampus shuttle fee – is going up in part to pay for an agreement, to be voted on by the regents Friday, with Simon Property Group for the use of the

Crossroads parking garage.

Crossroads Mall has held firm at a \$3,000 daily rate, according to the regents' agenda.

University housing rates will also be considered by the regents. An optional dining plan at Scott Village, \$920 for five lunches per week for a year, will remain unchanged from this year in the proposal.

The south campus dorm rates have a proposed 2.4 percent increase for the annual payment plan or a 3.5 percent increase for the monthly payment plan. Rates would go from \$4,980 per year to \$5,100 or a total of

\$5,280 if paid in monthly installments.

Maverick Village rates would be close to Scott Village, starting at \$5,220 per year for an annual payment, \$5,340 for a semi-annual payment or \$5,520 for a monthly payment.

University Village would continue to offer nine- or 12-month, with an increase of roughly 5 percent for each plan. The plans will also require furniture rental and a \$25 per month electricity allowance, making the plans \$3,739 for nine months or \$5,364 for 12 months.

Scott Resident Hall also has a proposed 3.5 percent increase to \$7,500 for a nine-month contract. The rates will also need finalization from the Suzanne and Walter Scott Foundation.

Anyone wishing to attend the meeting can do so at 1 p.m. at Varner Hall, located at 3835 Holdrege St. in Lincoln. The board's preliminary agenda can be found at nebraska.edu.

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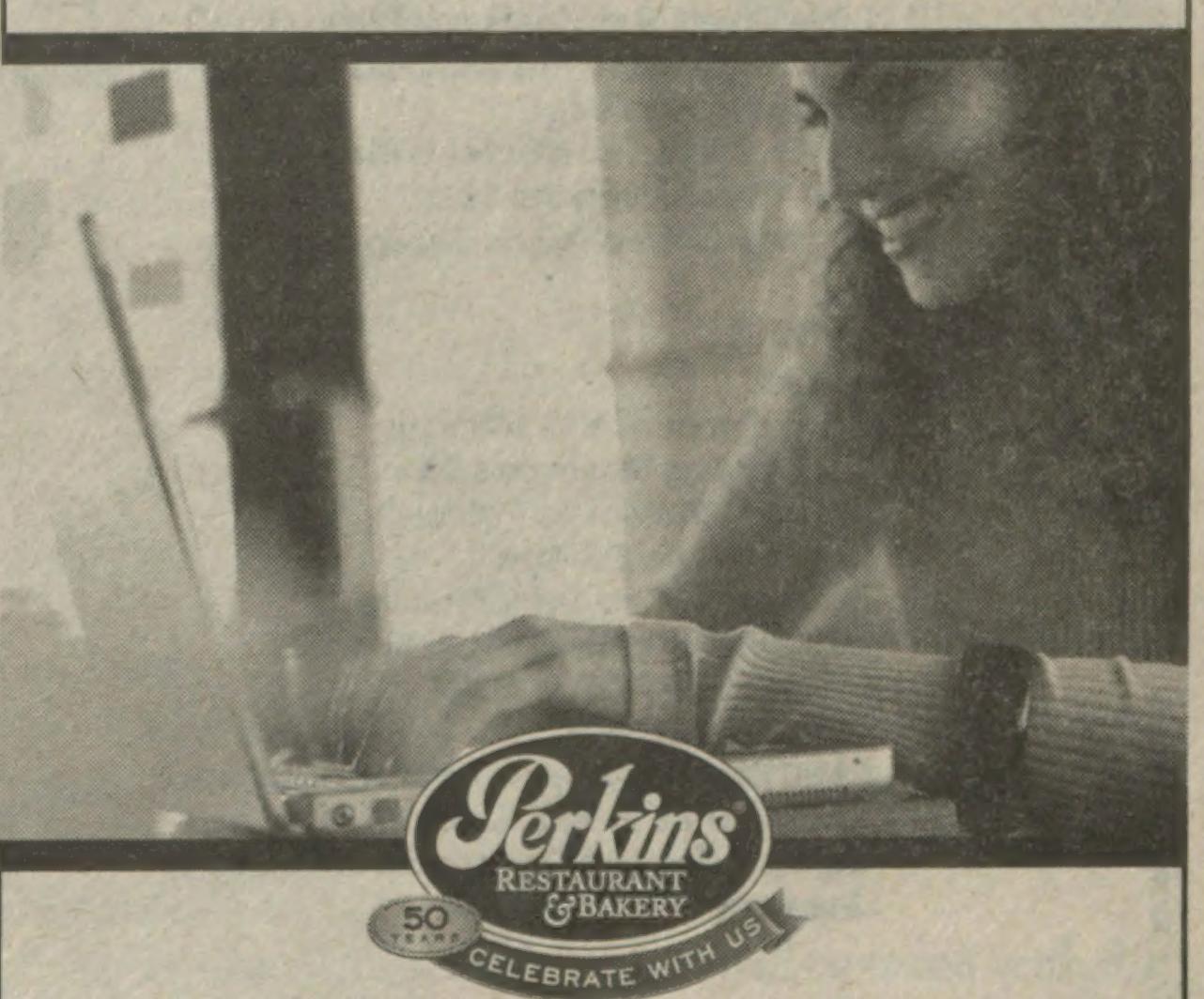
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The life and times of Bob Herold

The last-shot taking, Western-loving, home-grown head coach of UNO's baseball team

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Bob Herold has lived quite an interesting life. From coaching alongside current Boston Red Sox Manager Terry Francona to regularly playing pickup basketball games with Michael Jordan, the avenue of baseball has led Herold through a ride filled with stories and, ultimately, success.

Now in his ninth season as UNO's head baseball coach, he uses his baseball knowledge to teach his players and staff about not only the game of baseball but also about life lessons he has learned along the way.

"Well, it's been super," said Herold about coaching at his alma mater. "It's given me the chance to come home and coach at the school I played at—it's been absolutely great."

Herold's coaching experience dates back long

before 1999, his first season as the head coach of the Mavericks.

During his time as a hitting coach in an Arizona fall league, Herold coached under two-time World Series champion Francona. There, he coached a ruthless competitor and someone who had already made a bit of a name for himself in a different sport.

"It was in Michael's contract not to play basketball, but who could pass up the opportunity to play with Michael Jordan?" Herold said. "I remember at one point Michael telling me, 'If you're open, shoot the ball.'"

Apparently, what Jordan says on the court and what Jordan means can be two different things.

"One time, I tried to take the game winning shot, and I missed. Michael came up to me after the game and looked at me and said, 'Hey man, I'm the one who takes the last shot. The great



photo by Jason Sibson

Bob Herold gives direction to Travis Jacobi during Sunday's extra-innings victory over Minnesota Duluth.

player is the guy who takes the last shot, and the good player is the guy who passes the ball to the great player.'

"Oh man, it was great."

Herold's expertise on the diamond stems from an exceptional career as a player.

Herold was a National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics All-American as a UNO Maverick in 1971. He then went on to play 21 seasons as a professional, which included time in the Kansas City Royals organization and Mexican and South American leagues.

Herold said he enjoyed his playing days, but cherishes the opportunity that coaching provides to be closer to his family.

"The good thing about playing baseball was that you only worked half a year. The bad thing is you never see your family," Herold said. "It was tough to see my kids grow up without me there all the time, so it was nice when I took the job [as a coach]."

Today, Herold, his wife Sondra, his daughters Haley and Kiley and his son Riley are settled in nicely back in his hometown. The 2007 Nebraska Coach of the Year spends his spare moments watching baseball, "CSI" and, above all, those fictional portrayals of the old West.

"He really likes Western movies," said Haley, his first-born. "We'll lose him. He'll go down to the basement and turn them on ... all-day marathons."

Stories abundant and jokes aplenty, Sondra said her husband balances work and play to a 'T.'

"He enjoys having fun, but then also getting down to business," she said. "He still likes to have fun, so life is not boring around the house."

Thanks to Herold, life is not boring around the UNO baseball program either. The program has made three NCAA tournament appearances during his nine seasons, including last year's appearance in the Division II College World Series.

And he's already got this year's team clicking on all cylinders. UNO currently stands at 22-9, 6-0 in the North Central Conference and winners of 10 straight games.

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Sig Ep A 9 vs The Master Batters 6
Sig Ep B 5 vs Mavericks 18
Pike 23 vs Lambda Chi Alpha 20

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Chi Omega vs Zeta Tau Alpha forfeit

Sunday 4/6/08
F.O.C.U.S vs He Bleeded's (Forfeit)
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Pink Zebras- Bye
One Armed Bandits 19 vs Injured Ducks
Hometown Heroes 11 vs Underachievers 8

Wednesday 4/9/08
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Pike 17 vs Mavericks 18
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Dog in a Bath Tub-bye
Aftershock 27 vs Sexy Whistle 32
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Slow start in spring game gives way to action-packed second half

ANALYSIS BY
SEAN OWENS
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

With familiar faces missing and an April climate to forget, the UNO football team played out their annual spring game at Caniglia Field on Saturday with a bit of a different look.

The weather told the story from the start, with gusting winds and temperatures in the 30s. The first half showed the look of a team facing their first game-time scrimmage of the year.

Up against the frigid cold, the Mavericks were also facing a number of senior starters lost from a season ago.

The team was also without starting senior quarterback Zach Miller and starting senior running back Brian McNeill. Miller has been out all spring facing a NCAA 10-semester eligibility rule, which deems him ineligible to participate in any type of practice or team workouts. McNeill, UNO's leading rusher in 2007, has been out nursing recent shoulder surgery.

The offense looked a little out of sync at times. Not only was UNO playing without several of its starters, but also the offense was operating under its new coordinator, Aaron Keen, formerly of Division III Illinois College.

The team was led by a unit with several second- and third-string players at the helm, and it was showing.

"We'll be fine when we get some more practices during

the summer," Miller said. "We have plenty of time to get the team together and get back in rhythm again."

The offense was headed by junior quarterback Greg Wunderlich, along with several new faces in the backfield. The Naperville, Ill., native led the offensive production by completing 15 of his 23 passes for 295 yards and three touchdowns.

Wunderlich said he understands what his role is but knows that he can be called into action at any time.

"I know I can go into the game and keep the flow for the team," he said. "The new style of offense that our coordinator brings is a good fit for us. It just comes down to learning the terminology and understanding the concept a little better."

The running game showed promise on Saturday as different faces made their presence known on the field.

Robert Wesley, a 5-foot-9, 188-pound junior from Omaha, finished with 32 yards on six carries. Arsenio Richardson, a 5-foot-11, 219-pound sophomore from Mankato, Minn., led all running backs with 14 carries for 56 yards and one touchdown.

Austin Williams, a 5-foot-8, 182-pound red-shirt freshman out of Millard West High School, made a name for himself when he broke loose on a couple of runs in the second quarter. Williams finished with 23 yards on seven carries.

"The guys that are going through the spring are doing a really good job as far as getting everything tuned up," McNeill said. "I think the offensive line will step up and handle it this year as well."

The team's first touchdown of the day came in the second quarter on a seven-play, 55-yard drive that was highlighted by a 17-yard Wunderlich touchdown pass to senior wide receiver Keith Eloi.

In the second half, a 75-yard catch-



photo by Michelle Bishop

Evan Martin (left) tries to break away from Hershal Davison's tackle during the spring game on Saturday.

and-run by 6-foot-5, 232-pound sophomore tight end Mike Higgins came up just short of the goal line. The team finished it off a play later.

Then, two more touchdowns came in the game in back-to-back fashion. Senior standout wide receiver Troy Kush highlighted his three receptions for 109 yards on the day with a 95-yard touchdown reception on a pass from Wunderlich.

That touchdown was then matched on the ensuing kickoff by another 95-yard touchdown, as senior running back John McCurdle scampered down the sideline for six. McCurdle, a former option quarterback at Millard North, transferred to UNO from Kansas State earlier this year.

On the kickoff return, a key block was thrown on the outside hash by red-shirt freshman tight end Casey Beck to spring McCurdle to pay dirt. Beck, a 6-foot-1, 210-pound Scribner, Neb., native, showed that effort put forth in special teams can translate to even further results in an offensive series.

"I thought our offense is getting better with the new style we're putting in," Beck said. "Our defense was really good too, I thought."

Defensively, the line looked similar to the run stuffing unit of the 2007 season, despite losing three of the team's senior defensive tackles. The losses of Amp Ferg, Rob Lewis and Chris Smith didn't seem to shake the new lineup. Now led by several returning players, including 6-foot-2, 286-pound junior nose guard Zac Keller, the Maverick line kept a steady push throughout the day.

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Keith Eloi (center) blocks Tyler Vandament as John McCurdle (left) returns a kick for a 95-yard touchdown during the spring game Saturday.

In the second half, a 75-yard catch-

UNO tennis star Rachel Faulk links success to others

BRETT OSTRONIC
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

There's nothing like getting through life with the resources of a mentor. They build mental confidence and prepare you for the challenges ahead.

UNO tennis star Rachel Faulk attributes her ever-growing career and catapulting success to her mentors.

In the 2005-06 season, junior teammate Maggie Russell took Faulk, then a freshman, under her wing. The two blossomed as a pair.

That year, the duo went on to win the No. 1 doubles title at the North Central Conference Championships. Faulk went on to capture the title in No. 2 singles, rounding out a prosperous first season as a Maverick.

After disappointing losses in doubles and singles during the NCC tournament her sophomore year, Faulk was left with extra motivation leading into this season.

She brought that into her junior year, as well as the knowledge of what it takes to be successful, which came from Russell.

"Maggie always worked hard, and I know where she came from," Faulk said. "How she improved as a player has made me want to do that."

Without question, Faulk has.

As the 2008 regular season draws to a close, Faulk is on pace to become one of the best tennis players to wear the UNO red and black.

She holds a school record .830 winning percentage



photo by Michelle Bishop
Junior Rachel Faulk is fifth among all UNO players with a career record of 39-8.

and a career mark of 39-8, which places her fifth among all UNO players. She is second in school history with 17 career singles wins.

Only a junior, Faulk will more than likely surpass all those in front of her before her career is over.

This year, with the graduation and departure of

Russell, Faulk has formed a new bond that has served well for the Mavs.

Team captain and doubles partner Kylie Roe made the transition work well for Faulk, and their performance as a pair has been a success in 2008.

The No. 1 doubles team is 7-2 on the year.

The team is the anchor of UNO's three doubles teams, who are a combined 20-7 on the year.

"Kylie is a good person to have as a partner. She's competitive and real easy to talk to. It's good to have that in a partner," Faulk said. "Kylie is one of those girls that is always working hard, and when she is out there working hard, it makes you want to do the same."

Along with Maggie and Kylie improving the work ethic of Faulk, Head Coach Bill Nichols certainly should not be left out of that equation.

UNO tennis' first and only coach has proved to be a valuable asset to Faulk's achievements.

"He knows a lot about the game, and when he explains something he puts it into good context," Faulk said. "He tries to challenge you mentally and physically, and I like that about him."

Next season, those challenges will be faced with the transition of UNO athletics from the NCC to the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletic Association. Faulk said she is anxious to take on the new competition.

"I think it's going to be a lot more exciting," she said. "It's nice to have a new challenge, to see where your skills are and to see what the opposition is going to give you in that challenge."

And it will be an exciting challenge to watch.

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Charley Reed | Arts & Leisure Editor

Two different sounds that sound great together Hard-rock tribute bands bring fans their dream concert

REVIEW BY
CHARLEY REED
A&L EDITOR

Imagine for a second that you just rocked out to the one-two punch of "Shoot to Thrill" and "Back in Black" but as Angus Young readjusts his guitar, he invites Robert Plant to sing backup vocals on "Highway to Hell."

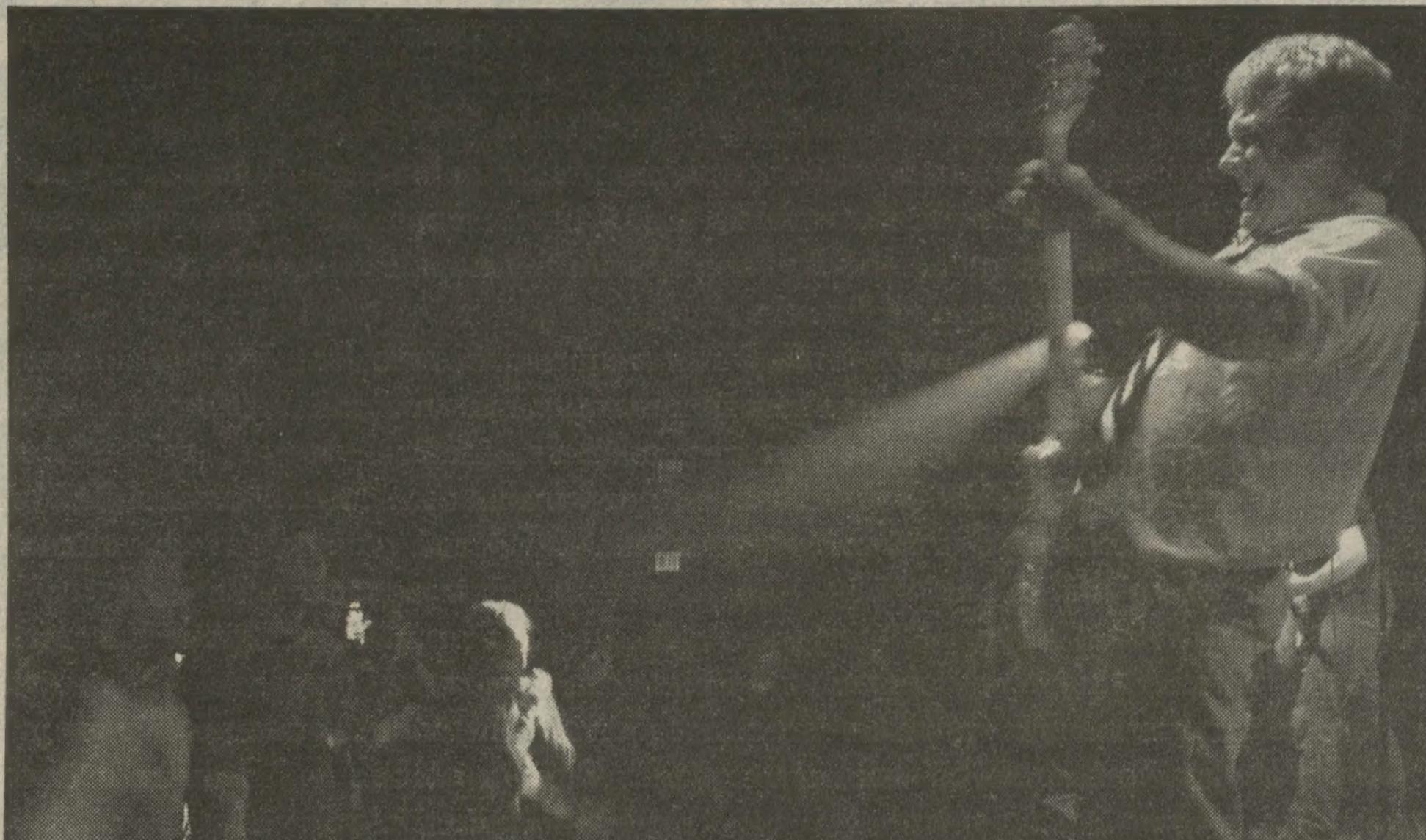
Welcome to every die-hard rock fan's wet dream.

As anyone who lives and breathes rock 'n' roll can tell you, the all-time best show lineup would have to be AC/DC and Led Zeppelin. There may never be the chance to see both bands headline the same show, but Omaha has the next-best thing: Matt's Rocket Collection and Song Remains the Same, the two best tribute – don't call them cover – bands.

April 12 marked the second partnership between the two Omaha-based bands. Playing to a packed crowd full of fist-pumping men and swooning women at Benson's The Waiting Room Lounge, it's hard to believe this wasn't some elaborate plan.

"We'd been going for a little bit and I had heard about Matt [Tompkins], and Matt called me and said 'Do you want to do this?'" explained Javier Ochoa, drummer for Song Remains the Same in an interview before the show. "[We] got The Waiting Room to okay it and that's how it started."

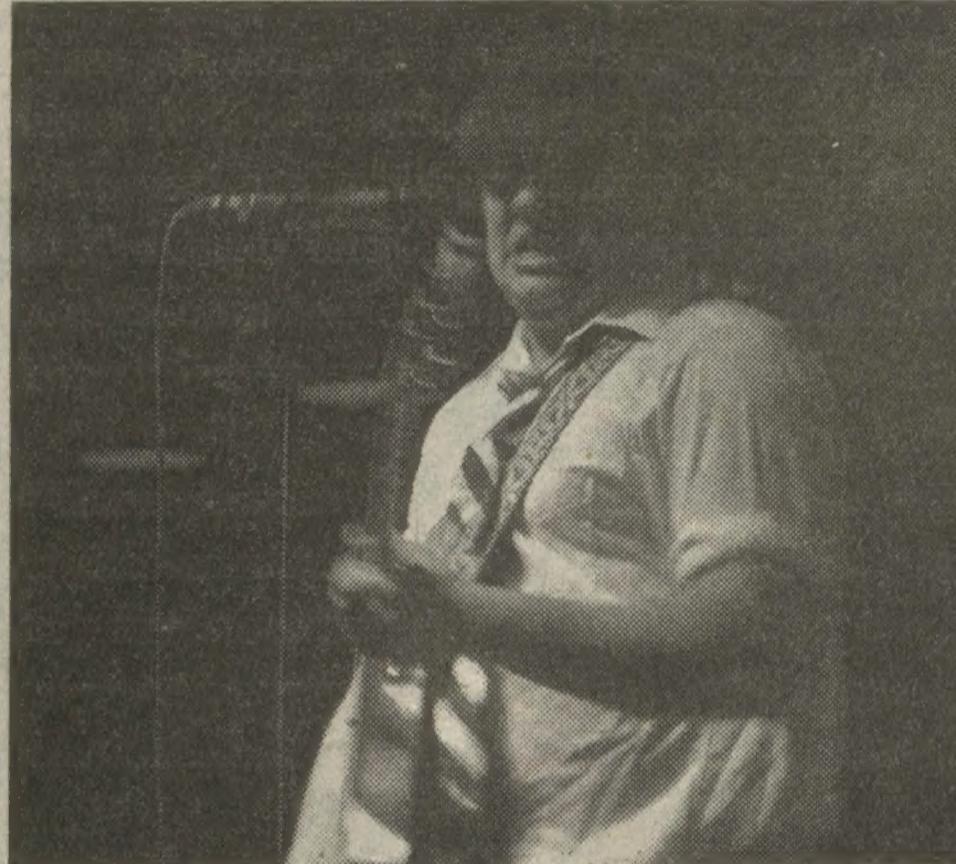
The bands first performed together in December 2007 and the success of that first



UNO alumnus Matt Tompkins, of Matt's Rocket Collection, performs dressed like AC/DC guitarist Angus Young before a packed house at The Waiting Room Lounge.



Javier Ochoa, of Song Remains the Same, used to play for Goodbye Sunday and now plays with pop-rock band Two Drag Club.



photos by Charley Reed
Future events are being planned to reunite MRC and SRS for a third tribute show.

show was apparent early on the second time around.

As the bands started their sound checks, despite the near-freezing temperatures and rain, patrons of all ages began filing into The Waiting Room's doors well over an hour before showtime.

"There were a lot of people, there was a huge amount of new faces that came out [to the first show] for both bands," said Tompkins, UNO alumnus and Angus Young impersonator for Matt's Rocket Collection. "Everybody loved pretty much every minute of the night."

Being fans of each other's work goes a long way to forming the marriage that keeps the two bands together. Up until MRC got on stage to start their set, one could see members of both bands laughing together, drinks in hand.

Obviously none of the musicians were concerned about the "cover band" label.

"There used to be a stigma about playing in a cover band [or] tribute band but I think that stigma has pretty much fallen by the wayside," Ochoa said.

"And I can't say this enough," Jason Pollard, Song Remains the Same's Robert Plant-incarnate, interjected. "There's a big difference between a cover and a tribute band. ... If you're focusing on one sound and one group, I think it's a little more passionate."

Both bands easily showcased that passion with their on-stage performance.

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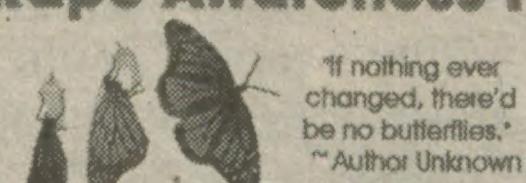
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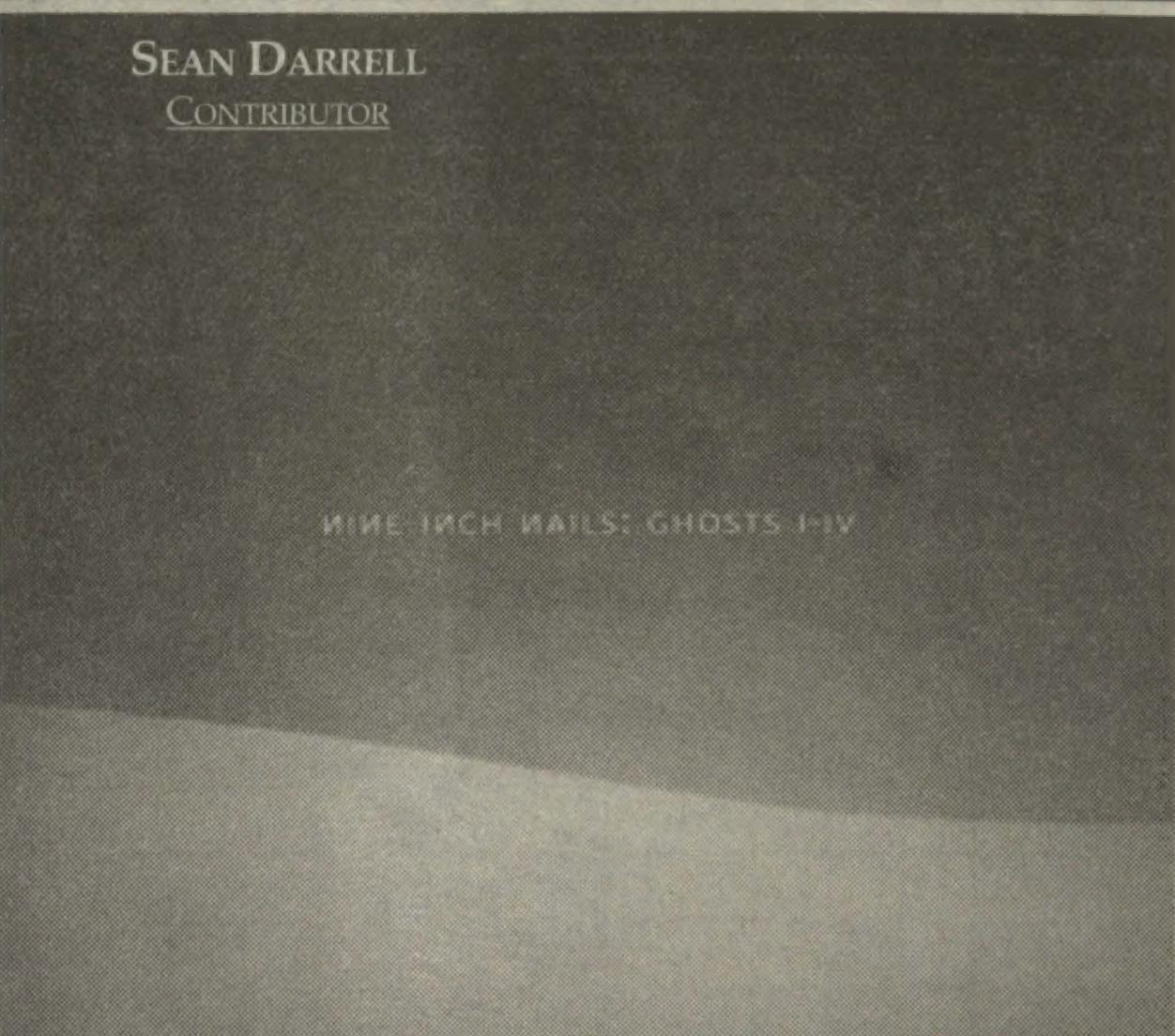
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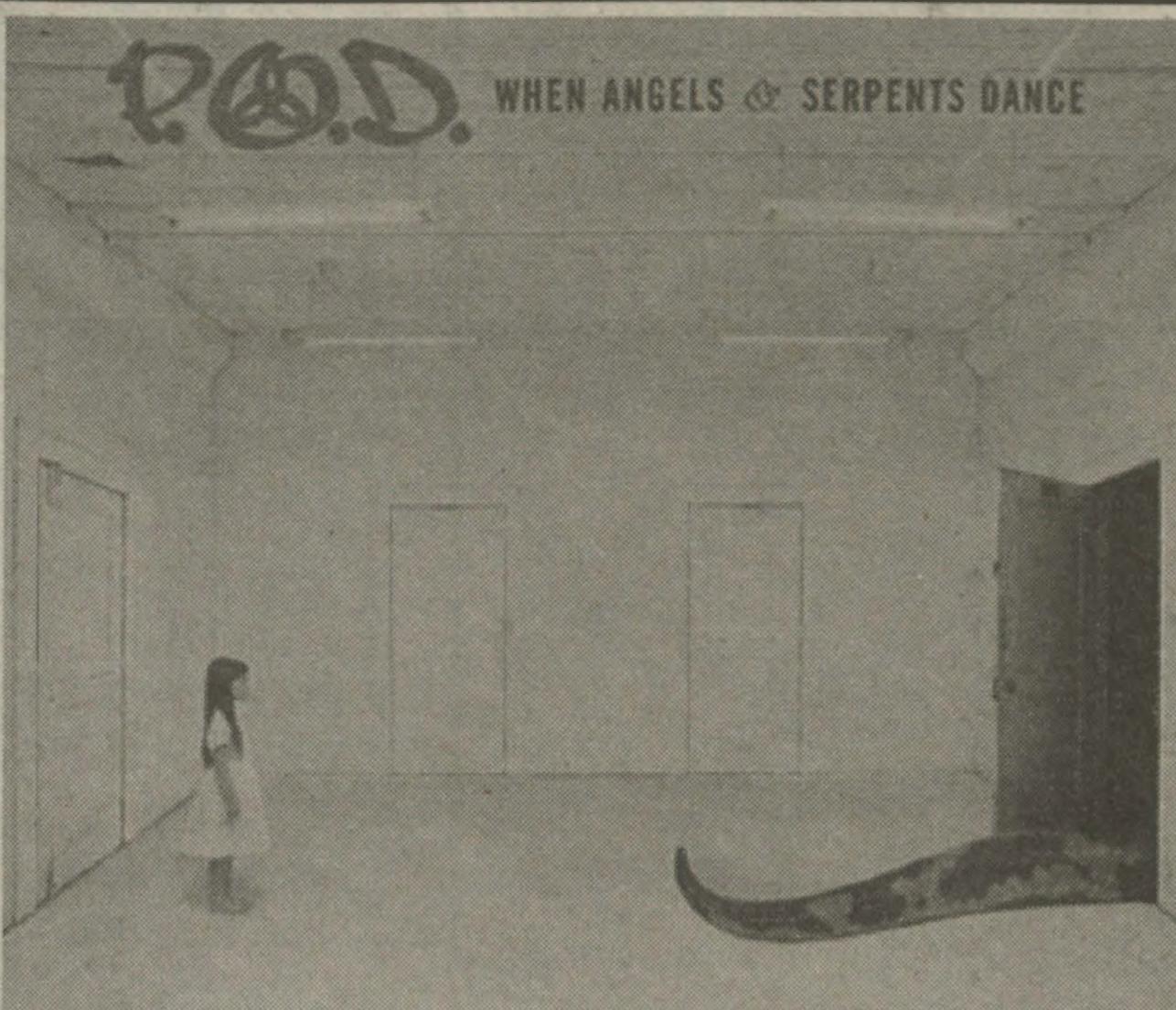
Nine Inch Nails
Ghosts I-IV

This album, if you wish to call it that, is completely instrumental. That's right – not a single spoken word in any of the 36 tracks on the two-disc set. Trent Reznor basically released a collection of industrial noise.

The sounds will be familiar to any PC gamer who remembers NIN's work on the "Quake" soundtrack. In fact, each track sounds like it could fit in any dark video game like "Silent Hill" or "Alone in the Dark." One track even sounded like jungle music from the first "Turok."

If you are a casual NIN fan – say you really only cared for hits like "Head Like a Hole" or "Closer," like most of mainstream America – then don't waste the \$10 on this "album." Don't even waste the \$5 for the digital download, and especially don't throw away the \$39 for the vinyl, the \$75 (seriously?) for the deluxe expanded album or the \$300 dollars (no, seriously?) for the super-deluxe, hyper-turbo championship edition.

Why 2,500 people helped the \$300 versions sell out in three days is a mystery to this reviewer.



P.O.D.
When Angels and Serpents Dance

P.O.D.'s seventh full-length album, even with original guitarist Marcos Curiel returning to inject his Latin-influenced riffs into the rock/reggae/rap mix after a five-year hiatus, fails to recapture the success of "Satellite." This may shock some while others may be expected this album to sound just as mediocre as the last two from the now 15-year-old band.

The heavy guitars of "Addicted" will lead you to believe the rest of the CD should be as good. Not so much. Half of the album is mellow and toned down while the other half features songs like "Kaliforn-Eye-A," featuring Mike Muir of Suicidal Tendencies/Infectious Grooves and "God Forbid," featuring Page Hamilton of Helmet. The latter is the hardest song on the album – thanks to Hamilton's influence.

Despite this divided setup, as always, the album is heavy on the Christian messages and metaphors.

Production assistance from Jay Baumgardner (Papa Roach, Godsmack, NFG, 311) and guest vocals of Mike Muir, Page Hamilton and the Marley Girls show that P.O.D. is taking a different path. The days of "The Fundamental Elements of Southtown" and "Satellite" are long gone. This album is mediocre at best and a hit-or-miss for fans.



Fearless Records
Punk Goes Crunk

As usual, another "Punk Goes..." album delivers and will make you laugh aloud as the rap lyrics are belted out by white-bred, punk-rock kids. New Found Glory's Jordan Pondik singing "I am black and proud" from Arrested Development's "Tennessee" is hilarious.

Not surprisingly, the best songs are complete transformations of originals that end up sounding like punk rock. Understandably, some songs, like 2Pac's "California Love," cannot be recreated properly.

All Time Low's cover of Rihanna's "Umbrella" actually helps the horrible song become the best track on the album and Say Anything's wavering crazy talk makes Ol' Dirty Bastard's "Got Your Money" that much more amusing.

Maine's cover of Akon's "I Wanna Love You" shows how good the song is, no matter how it's presented, and The Devil Wears Prada's cover of Big Tymers' "Still Fly" hardly resembles the original, thus making it one of the best tracks.

Why "Men in Black" is on a CD with the word "crunk" in the title is a mystery, but every other song fits well. It's too bad some songs retain identical rapping instead of punk singing. Otherwise, this is a great new "Punk Goes..." addition.

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Clad in a button-up dress shirt, khaki shorts, a tie and a beret, Tompkins took the stage and fired up the crowd with a deep-throated, visceral growl. Tompkins even took to a tried-and-true Young staple and ran through the crowd during the show.

The band, featuring Ben Tompkins on drums; Chris Holtmier on bass; and Chris Shrom on lead guitar, played through a set of songs including hits like "For Those About to Rock," "You Shook Me All Night Long" and "Thunderstruck," as well as lesser-known classics like "Jailbreak," "It's A Long Way to the Top" and "Ride On" before making way for Song Remains the Same.

As Pollard and his crew took the stage and began their set, the crowd erupted and with good reason: SRS are Led Zeppelin.

Well, not literally. But, if you closed your eyes, it would be hard to differentiate between the 1969 recording of "Good Times Bad Times" and the 2008 live performance.

The band also knocked several other songs out of the park including "Moby Dick," "Black Dog," "The Immigrant Song" and, of

course, "The Song Remains the Same."

Admittedly, this reporter couldn't help letting his guard down and becoming absorbed in an eerily accurate performance of a personal favorite: "When the Levee Breaks," appropriately played immediately after The Waiting Room's last call.

While both bands agreed they would do future shows together, the members want to do everything they can to keep from pigeonholing themselves especially given their other, original, projects.

"There are some cover bands out there that do a great job," Tompkins said. "They're very passionate and they love it but most cover bands - they're good people - but it's more of a paycheck."

Regardless of what happens to the bands' other projects, the desire for fans to hear classic rock will continually be matched by the band members' passion to play the songs they were inspired by.

"For lack of a better term, it's a side project," Ochoa said. "But it's a side project that everybody actually loves doing."

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moved around in a circle as one, while at the same time dancing in their own distinctive pattern.

Nicki Baker, a junior psychology major, said she came to the pow wow because she was interested in learning more. She particularly enjoyed the close atmosphere of the Native American culture.

"I think it's pretty amazing that we can get all these different tribes to come to UNO and have the pow wow. It's a great experience for everyone who can come," Baker said. "I love how anybody and everybody can be involved. I

always learn something from these pow wows."

Render said he hoped that people would understand that everyone was welcome in the Native American community. He said no one would be turned away because they weren't of a specific heritage.

"A lot of people are hesitant to come in because they don't understand what is going on. They think, 'I'm not Indian, so I shouldn't participate.' But it's not about that, everything is inclusive in this circle. Everybody has an equal place in our circle, our community," Render said.

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Gemini (May 21-June 21): Your hard work will be well worth it. Keep going as you only have a little more way to go.

Cancer (June 22-July 22): Be careful of wasting your life away in front of computer and television screens. Reconnect yourself with nature and you will feel healthier than ever.

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Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Someone who you believe to be close to you has an alternative motive. Be more selective with who you keep closest.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Confusion has played a key part in your life. This is a confusing sentence. Learn to deal with it.

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Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Change is scary, but you are ready! Your sense of adventure is going to take you places.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Today is the day. Don't put things off anymore or the rewards will not be as great.

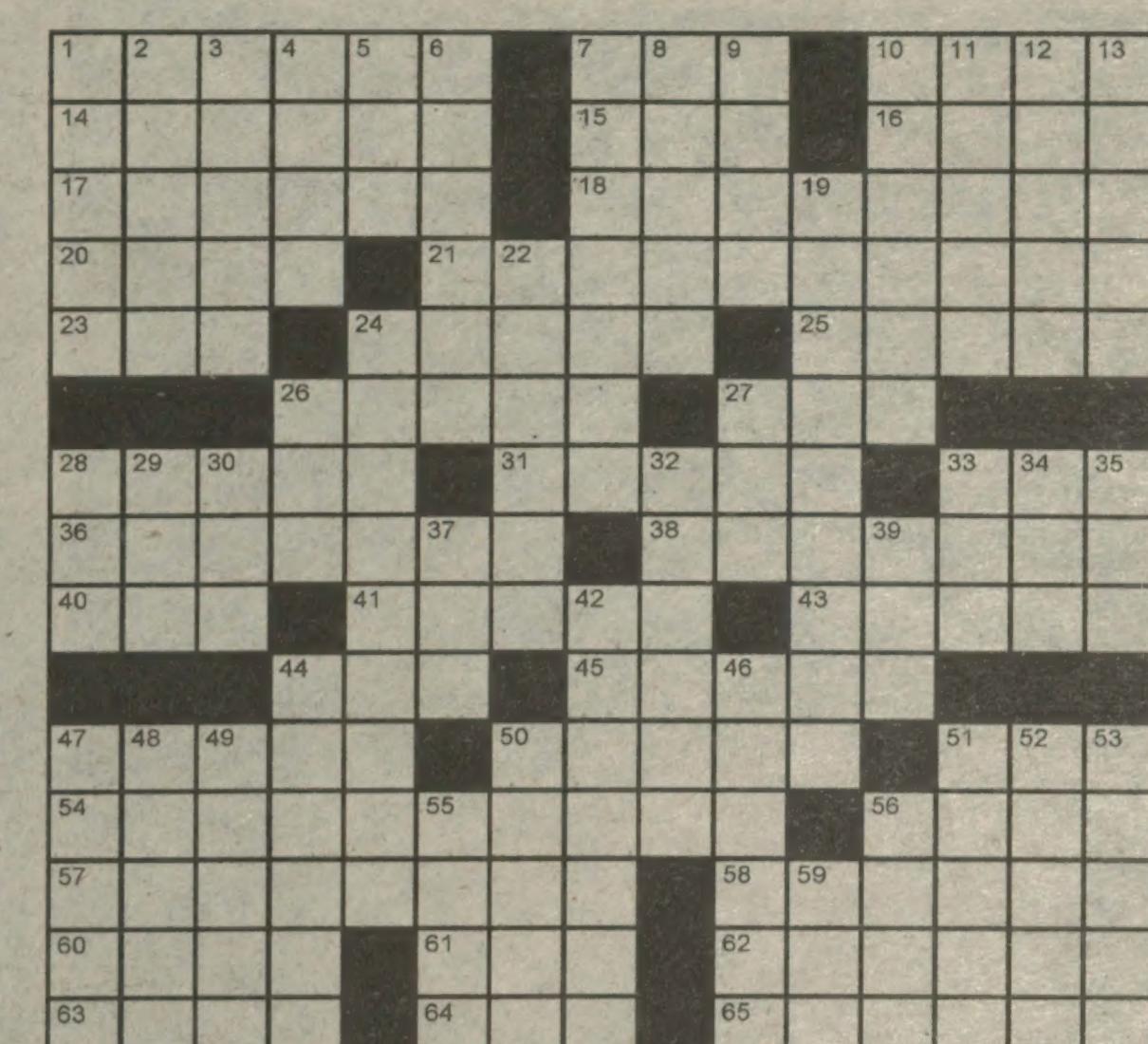
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The Maverick defense defended well on third down, not allowing the offense a first down until the 9:22 mark in the second quarter of the game. Despite the loss of All-American safety Randy Kush to graduation, the team still seemed to have an attitude of toughness hovering around them at all times.

The main factor for this off-the-wall toughness is the mentality of senior linebacker Jeff Souder. Souder said he is itching for a chance at redemption after a first round exit last year, and he is hungry for competition in

a new conference and a chance to graduate with a Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association title.

"I want to play against Northwest Missouri State now that it's even bigger, being in conference," Souder said. "I've talked to some people and the teams in the MIAA are ready for us. We have a lot of people coming back this year - we just have to go get it."

"This is my last year, so I'm ready to get out there and put it all on the line. We need to make up for last year."

The Mavericks, despite losing some great talent and leadership to graduation, managed to hold onto an abundance of senior talent and leadership for the 2008 season.

The changes this year with a new conference, new coordinators and some new players will undoubtedly call for a character-check of this year's Mavericks.

UNO's regular season will officially open on Saturday, Sep. 6, at 6 p.m., as they will host in-state rival University of Nebraska-Kearney at Caniglia Field.

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